STATE OF MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY
Request for Approval of Affiliated Interest
Transaction to Increase Dollar Limit for the
Energy East Shared Services Corp &
Energy East Management Corp Support
Services Agreement with Certain Energy
East Affiliates

Docket No. 2004-435

August 17, 2004

NOTICE OF TRANSACTION LIMIT INCREASE

On July 1, 2004, Central Maine Power Company (CMP), Maine Natural Gas, MaineCom Services, Maine Electric Power Company, Norvarco and Chester SVC Partnership (collectively "Applicants") filed a request that the Commission increase the transaction limit for support services provided to the Applicants by Utility Shared Services Corporation (USSC) and Energy East Management Corporation (EEMC) set by the Commission in *Central Maine Power Company, Request for Approval of Reorganization and of Affiliated Interest transactions to Create Energy East Shared Services*, Docket No. 2003-321, Order Approving Stipulation (July 24, 2003) from the current level of \$10 million to \$25 million. In its July 1, 2004 petition, CMP stated that its filing was also intended to serve as a notice filing to raise the transaction cap to \$14 million pursuant to the Stipulation in Docket No. 2003-321.

Under the provisions of Commission's Order Approving Stipulation in Docket No. 2003-321, the Applicants may seek to increase the transaction limit to no more than \$14 million by making a notice filing with the Commission, which would become effective automatically, unless a party to that proceeding or the Commission Staff files an objection to the filing within 30 days of the time of the Applicants' notice filing. The deadline for filing objections has now passed and no objections to CMP's request to increase the transaction limit to \$14 million have been filed. Therefore, the transaction limit for support services provided to the Applicants by USSC and EEMC will be raised from \$10 million to \$14 million pursuant to the terms of our Order in Docket No. 2003-321. The Applicant's request for a further increase to \$25 million remains pending.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 17th day of August, 2004.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Raymond J. Robichaud Acting Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Diamond

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COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Welch

NOTICE OF RIGHTS TO REVIEW OR APPEAL

5 M.R.S.A. § 9061 requires the Public Utilities Commission to give each party to an adjudicatory proceeding written notice of the party's rights to review or appeal of its decision made at the conclusion of the adjudicatory proceeding. The methods of review or appeal of PUC decisions at the conclusion of an adjudicatory proceeding are as follows:

- 1. <u>Reconsideration</u> of the Commission's Order may be requested under Section 1004 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (65-407 C.M.R.110) within 20 days of the date of the Order by filing a petition with the Commission stating the grounds upon which reconsideration is sought.
- 2. <u>Appeal of a final decision</u> of the Commission may be taken to the Law Court by filing, within **21 days** of the date of the Order, a Notice of Appeal with the Administrative Director of the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(1)-(4) and the Maine Rules of Appellate Procedure.
- 3. <u>Additional court review</u> of constitutional issues or issues involving the justness or reasonableness of rates may be had by the filing of an appeal with the Law Court, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(5).

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